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SUBJ: NEW PROBLEMS FOR COPPER WORKERS CONFEDERATION -CTC

REFS (A) SANTIAGO 6065 (B) SANTIAGO 6048 (C) SANTIAGO 6036

1. ACCORDING TO CTC LEADERS, LABOR MINISTER NICANOR DIAZ CALLED THEM INTO PRIVATE SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 9 AND ASKED ALL TO RESIGN THEIR POSITIONS IN CONFEDERATION. DIAZ CLAIMED THAT CTC EXECUTIVE BOARD WAS ILLEGALLY CONSTITUTED AND THAT GOC WANTED TO REORGANIZE IT. HE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO REDUCE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FROM PRESENT 13 TO 9 (TWO POSITIONS EACH FOR THE 'BIG THREE' MINES, TWO FROM SANTIAGO HEADQUARTERS AND ONE FROM ANDINA MINE). DIAZ REPORTEDLY TOLD CTC PRESIDENT GUILLERMO SANTANA THAT HE WOULD BE RENAMED TO ONE OF POSITIONS BUT DID NOT PROMISE THAT HE WOULD REMAIN IN PRESIDENCY.

2. CTC EXECUTIVE BOARD MET LATER IN WEEK AND UNANIMOUSLY REFUSED TO SUBMIT RESIGNATIONS. THEY SENT LETTER TO DIAZ INFORMING HIM OF THIS ACTION, REQUESTING HE PUT HIS REQUEST IN WRITING AND SUGGESTING THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO DECREEE THEIR REMOVAL.

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3. COMMENT: DIAZ MAY HAVE TECHNICAL POINT IN THAT

EXECUTIVE BOARD IS NOT LEGALLY CONSTITUTED, SINCE
SEVERAL OF PRESENT OFFICERS INCLUDING SANTANA
WERE SELECTED BY PEERS TO FILL VACANCIES SHORTLY
AFTER 1973 COUP. THE PRESENT BOARD WAS, HOWEVER,
OFFICIALLY ENDORSED BY FORMER LABOR MINISTER AND
HAS FUNCTIONED FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS WITH CONSENT
OF GOC.

4. DEIZ ACTION MAY BE PROMPTED BY HIS RECENT
EMBARRASSMENT AT BEING OVERRULED BY PRESIDENT
PINOCHEC ON RELEASE OF DETAINED CTC LEADERS.
WHETHER HE WILL PERSIST IN ATTEMPT TO REORGANIZE
CTC IN FACE OF LEADERSHIP'S REFUSAL TO COOPERATE
IS ANYONE'S GUESS.

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